



**High Level Economic Growth Forum
Republic of Uganda**

Building a Self-Sustaining Economy to Weather Future Shocks
31st August – 1st September 2022, Kampala Serena Hotel

Time	Content	Speaker
DAY 1 – Wednesday, 31st August 2022		
8:00 am -8:30 am	Registration	
8:30 am -9:10 am	Opening remarks	
8:30 am -8:45 am	Opening remarks	Minister of Finance, Planning and Economic Development
8:45am -9:00am	Opening remarks	Dr. Richard Newfarmer – Country Director, IGC Uganda
9:00am -9:10 am	Remarks from the Local Development Partner Group	R. Mukami Kariuki - Country Manager- Uganda, World Bank
9:15 am - 10:15am	Plenary session: Fostering Resilient Growth Chair: Dr Atingi-Ego –Ag. Governor, Bank of Uganda	
9:15am -10:00am	How well did Uganda respond to the recent global and domestic economic shocks? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What can we learn from Uganda’s response to the recent economic shocks? • What actions are most important to build resilience into Uganda’s growth strategy? 	Ramathan Ggoobi – Permanent Secretary/ Secretary to the Treasury- Ministry of Finance, Planning and Economic Development.
10:00am- 10:15am	Q&A	
10.15 am -10.45 am	COFFEE BREAK	

10:45-12:30pm	Session I – Climate Change in Uganda: Understanding the Implications and Policy Responses Chair: Minister of Water & Environment	
10:45am-11:05am	<p>Uganda’s green growth strategy and its implications for achieving the middle income status</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What is Uganda’s green growth strategy? • How can Uganda achieve upper middle income status with the green growth strategy, as indicated in vision 2040? • How best can Uganda utilise global climate financing options to achieve its growth agenda? 	Mr. Tom Sengalama, Team leader - Nature, Climate, Energy and Resilience, UNDP
11:05am-11:45am	<p>Parched earth – drought resilience in the Ugandan economy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What are the future projections for rainfall patterns in Uganda? • What is the direct impact of drought on agricultural output, and how does this indirectly flow through to the rest of the economy? • What tools can policymakers employ to mitigate the impact of water scarcity on the Ugandan economy? 	Prof. Nicholas Kilimani - Makerere University
11:45am-12:25pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Q&A 	<p>Lead discussant: Dr. Ronald Kaggwa - Manager, Production, Trade and Tourism Planning; National Planning Authority (5 minutes)</p>
12:30pm-2:00 pm	LUNCH	
2:00pm - 4:00 pm	Session II – Domestic resource mobilisation for growth Chair : Commissioner, Legal Services and Board Affairs (URA)	
2:00pm -2:25pm	<p>Leveraging digital technologies for resource mobilisation and growth</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How can digital technologies enhance domestic resource mobilisation and economic growth? • What have been the implementation challenges? 	Dr. Silver Namunane - DRM specialist - Resource Enhancement and Accountability Program, MoFPED

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> What are the lessons for DRM and Uganda's economic growth agenda? 	
2:25pm- 2:50pm	<p>Realising the potential of tariff revenues</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Can Uganda raise more revenues for investment by combatting tariff evasion? What is the role played by customs clearing agents and customs officers in customs tax evasion? Which border posts and products are more susceptible to customs evasion? 	Prof. Nada Eissa - Georgetown University
2:50pm- 3:15pm	<p>Tax incentives and development</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> What economic growth benefits has Uganda realised from tax incentives with respect to improvements in investment, exports and employment? How do these economic benefits compare to the economic costs associated with the foregone revenue from the existence of these tax incentives? Based on this cost-benefit analysis, how can the tax incentive regime be reviewed? 	Mr. Liam Carson – Country Economist, IGC & Dr. Kyle McNabb – Tax Policy Adviser, ODI
3:15pm- 3:45pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Q&A 	Lead discussants: Mr. Francis Kamulegeya (5minutes), Izabela Karpowicz – IMF Resident Representative (5 minutes)
3:45pm-4:00pm	Summary of the sessions	Maurice Mugisha
DAY 2 – Thursday 1st September, 2022		
8:00 am- 8:30 am	Registration	
8:30 am – 10:30 am	Session III – Exports to Promote Growth Chair: Hon. Minister of State for Trade Industry and Cooperatives	
8:30am- 8:55am	Leveraging exports for growth – Uganda's participation in international and regional trade	Mr. Aleksandar Stojanov - Trade Analyst, World Bank

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Uganda's historical trading patterns: diversification of partners and products Prospects for the future: leveraging exports for growth 	
8:55am- 9:20am	<p>Trading up: Harnessing the AfCFTA for growth</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Uganda's preparedness for the AfCFTA: EAC expansion and challenges Simulating the impact of the AfCFTA on Uganda's trade flows: how to make the most of continental market access 	Prof. Lawrence Edwards – University of Cape Town
9:20am- 9:45am	<p>Good movement: the implications of high transport costs for trade</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> TMEA's work on transport costs along Uganda's northern and central trade corridors Logistics innovations to boost trade 	Ms. Catherine Ssekimpi – Director of Impact, Trademark East Africa
9:45am- 10:30am	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Q&A 	Lead discussant: Mr. Kenneth Barigye - Managing Director, Mountain Harvest (5 minutes)
10:30am - 11:00am	COFFEE BREAK	
11:00am-1:00 pm	Session IV - Domestic Value Addition Director of Economic Affairs (MoFPED)	
11:00am- 11:25am	<p>Making FDI work for Uganda: local content rules v. supplier development</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> How can we increase local content in Uganda's supply chain development? Constraints to domestic value addition – quality, cost, reliability of locally produced inputs, and how these can be improved? 	Ms. Priya Manwaring - Trinity College, Oxford University
11:25am- 11:50am	<p>What market opportunities are available for PDM commodities?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Which markets provide prospects for trade expansion? Which PDM products should Uganda market in target destinations? 	Ms. Harriet Conron – Country Economist, IGC

11:50am-12:15pm	<p>Impact of Special Economic Zones on Uganda's economic performance; prospects for medium and long-term growth</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What is the impact of Industrial Parks on firm outcomes in Uganda? • How does this compare with firms with access to other types of tax holidays? • Is there a difference between single and multi-firm zones? • Does private vs public ownership of zones seem to matter? 	Mr. Stephen Asiimwe –Executive Director, Private Sector Foundation Uganda
12:15pm- 1:00pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Q&A 	Lead discussant: Mr. Hez Kimoomi Alinda – Executive Director, Uganda Free Zones Authority
1:00pm - 1:15 pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reflection on the challenging macroeconomic environment and global lessons learned on achieving sustainable growth 	Mr. Phillip Smith – Director of Development, FCDO Uganda
1:15pm-1:30pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Summary of the sessions 	Ms. Justine Ayebare- Principal Economist, MoFPED
1:30pm- 1:40pm	Welcoming and Inviting the Rt. Hon. Prime Minister to give the closing remarks	Hon. Henry Ariganyira Musasizi- Minister of State for General Duties, Ministry of Finance, Planning and Economic Development
1:40pm-1:55pm	Closing remarks	Rt. Hon Prime Minister
1:45pm	CLOSE and LUNCH	